



Merla Mae Ferguson

October 3, 2018

Merla Ferguson, age 85, of Wenatchee, WA, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. She was born October 30, 1932, in Rising City, NE, to Merrill D. and Lora Aden. When she was three years old, the family moved to Yakima, WA, for better opportunities. Because of her father's work for Bonneville Power during the war years, the family moved quite often, but finally settled in Wenatchee.

She graduated from Ellensburg High School, Wenatchee Valley College, and Central Washington University with a master's degree in education. She married Virgil Ferguson on June 28, 1953, right after graduating from Wenatchee Valley College.

The focus of her life was always children, especially those who couldn't quite keep up. When her children were young, she held "track meets" in her backyard, where they "high jumped" over a rope strung between two chairs and "pole-vaulted" with an old broom. Every child in the neighborhood had a row in her garden where they could plant what they wanted and harvest it. She was the Cub Scout leader and the Little League coach who took the ones who did not know what base to run to. She was the room mother who always took charge of the boys on a field trip. When her boys got older, she began to teach in the primary grades, choosing to teach the dyslexic children or the slow learners.

In retirement, she began teaching the junior church class at Calvary Bible Church. She taught the class for over 25 years; teaching the seven to 13-year-old children the Bible stories as well as the meaning of words such as faith, repent, gospel, and righteousness. She also began volunteering at Central Washington Hospital as an escort or someone who does what needs to be done for 20 years.

She is survived by two sons: Cary D. (Patty) Ferguson of Selah, WA, and David (Barbara) Ferguson of Newport, OR; and two grandsons: Jesse Ferguson of Studio City, CA, and Colby Ferguson of Selah, WA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Ferguson; her brother, Glen R. Aden; and sister, Mariel J. Sondergeld.

At her request, there will be no services. Her urn will be placed at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA, at a later date. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee, WA.